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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (PROCUREMENT)

SUBJECT: Class Deviation—Test Contract Format

Effective January 1, 1998, I authorize you to deviate from the requirements of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 14.201, 15.2; 53.214(a) and (c); 53.215(b) and (d); and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 215.406-2(g) in solicitations issued and contracts awarded by the Army Material Command (AMC). This class deviation authorizes AMC to use the attached language in lieu of the corresponding FAR and DFARS language.

FAR 14.201 describes the content of the Uniform Contract Format for acquisitions made under FAR Part 14, Sealed Bidding. FAR 15.2 and DFARS 215.406(g) describe the content of the Uniform Contract Format for negotiated acquisitions made pursuant to FAR Part 15, Contracting by Negotiation, and DFARS 215, Contracting by Negotiation. FAR 53.214 and 53.215 prescribe the use of forms for acquisitions under FAR Parts 14 and 15, respectively.

This class deviation authorizes AMC to use, on a test basis in accordance with the test plan dated December 12, 1997, an alternate contract format. Please submit sufficient data at the end of 12 months, 24 months, and 30 months to address whether a permanent policy change is warranted, and to permit our evaluation before the expiration of the deviation. The data shall address whether the alternate contract format is: (1) easier for the Government and industry to use; (2) easier for contract payment and administration; and (3) improving the efficiency and/or the effectiveness of the solicitation and contract award processes.

This class deviation is approved for a three-year period ending December 30, 2000.

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Director, Defense Procurement

Attachment

cc: DSMC, Ft. Belvoir

